



## Examination information

### Examination format

See examination syllabus on website.

### Examination fees

R171.00 (Een honderd een en sewentig rand)

### When and where do I register for the examination?

You must register independently for the examination with your local law society at least three weeks before the examination date.

### May I write the examination in a different province?

Yes, this is permissible. However, there are a number of documents that must accompany your application to that provincial law society, namely:

1. Documents that must accompany the registration form of an admitted attorney:
  - a certified copy of his/her admission certificate
  - a certified copy of his/her identity document
  - certified copies of his/her degree certificates
  - a letter from his/her law society confirming that he/she has been placed on the roll of that law society as an attorney and is still registered.
2. Documents that should accompany the registration form of a candidate attorney:
  - a certified copy of his/her registered articles of clerkship
  - certified copies of his/her degree certificates
  - a letter from his/her law society confirming that his/her articles of clerkship have been registered with that society and are still being served.

### Who is allowed to write the conveyancing examination?

Admission to the examination in conveyancing is not open to everyone. The Attorneys Act 1979 provides that only the following categories of persons may take this examination:

- an admitted attorney; or
- a candidate attorney who is currently serving articles of clerkship and who has been serving articles for a continuous period of not less than six (6) months; or
- a person who has completed his/her articles of clerkship in the regular manner and has therefore complied with the requirements of the Attorneys Act 1979; or
- a person who has attended full-time practical law school for a period of at least four (4) months and completed the course to the satisfaction of the law society. (A copy of his/her attendance report must accompany the entry); or

### Exam dates

First semester: 11 May 2011.

Second semester: 14 September 2011

- a person who has been exempted from serving articles of clerkship under regulation 8A and the provisions of the Attorneys' Act 1979. (A copy of the letter of exemption issued to such person by the law society must accompany the entry.)

### Who qualifies for exemption from serving articles of clerkship?

Regulation 8A provides that under certain circumstances a person may be exempted from serving the prescribed "articles of clerkship". The following service, separately or jointly, shall be recognized as appropriate legal experience for the purpose of section 2A(c) of the Attorneys Act 1979 (Act 53 of 1979):

- Five years service as a practising advocate or advocate contemplated in section 6 of the Attorney-General Act, 1992 (Act 92 of 1992), by any person who has been admitted to practise as an advocate of the Supreme Court of South Africa under section 3 of the Admission of Advocates Act 1964 (Act 74 of 1964).
- Five years service as a magistrate by any person who has been appointed as a magistrate under section 9 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1944 (Act 32 of 1944), read with section 10 of the Magistrates Act 1933 (Act 90 of 1993).
- Five years service as a public prosecutor by any person who has been appointed as a public prosecutor under section 6 of the Attorney-General Act 1992 (Act 92 of 1992), in a court of a regional division established under section 2(1)(b) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1944 (Act 32 of 1944).
- Five years service as a Director-General or Deputy Director-General in the Department of Justice.

A period not more than ten years may elapse between the date on which such service has been completed and the date on which exemption from articles of clerkship may be granted.

If a person desires exemption in terms of the provisions of regulation 8A, such application for exemption must be supported by a number of documents, such as a certificate from the bar or affidavits from two attorneys to the effect that the person did practise as an advocate, etcetera. Contact your law society to find out what supporting documents they require.